

The Norman Mailer Society

February 2008 Newsletter

2008 Membership Dues

An Individual Membership is \$30

Couple Membership is \$35

Individual LIFE Membership is \$300.

Student Membership is \$10.

A subscription to *The Mailer Review* goes with membership. Memberships run from January 1 to December 31.

Please use the attached 2008 Membership Dues form. **Individual LIFE members do not need to complete this form** (a list of LIFE members is attached). Please be reminded that only 2008 members and LIFE members can attend the 2008 Norman Mailer Society Conference.

Checks are to be out to The Norman Mailer Society and sent to The Norman Mailer Society, C/o David Light, Treasurer, 75 Jennings Lane, Windham, CT 06280.

Don't wait! Join now!

Memorial Service for Mr. Mailer

There will be a memorial service for Mr. Mailer at Carnegie Hall on April 9th at four p.m. It is free and open to the public. Tickets **must** be picked up in advance at the Carnegie Hall Ticket Office (57th and Broadway) starting at 11 a.m. on April 9th. Consult the Society website for updates: www.normanmailersociety.org

The Mailer Review

The second issue of *The Mailer Review*, due to be published in early September 2008, will contain an added section of tributes to the late Mr. Mailer. To pay for the cost of these added pages, and to support *The Mailer Review* generally, tax-deductible contributions will be gratefully received. In addition to the established categories of

“Sponsor” (\$100 to 249), and “Patron” (\$250 to \$999), a new category of “Angel” has been added for contributions of \$1000 or more. Contributions in any amount will, of course, be accepted and acknowledged with thanks. Contributors of \$100 or more will be listed in *The Mailer Review*. Checks should be made out to The Norman Mailer Society and sent to David Light, Treasurer, 75 Jennings Lane, Windham, CT 06280.

In order to meet the publication deadline, donations must be received by May 15, 2008

2008 Norman Mailer Society Conference

The 2008 Norman Mailer Society Conference will be held at The Provincetown Inn on October 16, 17, 18 and 19, 2008. The theme of the conference is “**Norman Mailer: Memory and the Afterlife**” but papers on other topics related to Mailer and his work will be considered. A list of current LIFE members is attached.

Conference registration fee for a Society Member is \$135, and the registration fee for a Student is \$80. Only 2008 members or Individual LIFE members of the Society can attend the 2008 Conference.

A 2008 Conference Registration form is attached.

Those who will be attending the Conference will have the opportunity to lodge at the Provincetown Inn at reduced rates.

To receive the reduced rates, rooms must be reserved by September 15, 2008. Call 1-800-942-5388 or 508-487-9500. Reserve a room as soon as possible!

Call for Paper Abstracts ***Norman Mailer Society Conference*** ***October 16 - 19, 2008***

The Program Committee seeks proposals for panel presentations during the Sixth Annual Conference of The Norman Mailer Society, to be held in Provincetown, MA.

The theme of the 2008 conference is “**Norman Mailer: Memory and the Afterlife.**” There will be a day devoted to panels on “Remembering Norman Mailer.” The remainder

of the conference will focus on presentations and discussion groups. There will be a least one panel devoted to each of these works: *On God: An Uncommon Conversation*, *The Castle in the Forest*, *The Naked and the Dead* (60th anniversary) and *The Armies of the Night* (40th anniversary). Papers on other topics related to Norman Mailer and his work are also welcome, particularly short presentations related to one or more panels on "Teaching Norman Mailer." These interactive panels will emphasize discussion among panelists and audience members. Inquiries are encouraged.

If you are interested in submitting a presentation panel (three speakers) or roundtable panel (four speakers), please contact the Program Committee Chair.
Guidelines for submission: Send a **50-75 word biographical statement** and a **250-word abstract** of the proposed presentation as MS Word attachments by **April 15, 2008** to the Program Committee Chair:

Phillip Sipiora
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The biographical statement and the abstract should be suitable for the printed program. Accepted papers for Panel Presentation, when delivered, must be *no longer than 18-20 minutes*. Accepted papers for Roundtable Presentation, when delivered, must be *no longer than 10-12 minutes*. All papers, similar to abstracts, should be developed clearly and efficiently. The titles of all papers and will be printed in the Conference Program.

Travel Grants of \$100, sponsored by The Norman Mailer Society, are available to student presenters.

Robert F. Lucid Awards....

The Robert Lucid Award Committee welcomes suggestions for recipients of the 2008 Robert F. Lucid Award. Nominees must have published substantive pieces of research during the calendar year 2007. Contact Barry Leeds at **bhleeds01@snet.net** with suggestions or inquiries.

The Official Norman Mailer Society website is

normanmailersociety.org

Questions regarding the contents of this newsletter may be directed to President J. Michael Lennon (**jmlennon1@comcast.net**) or Treasurer David Light (**dlight@snet.net**).

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